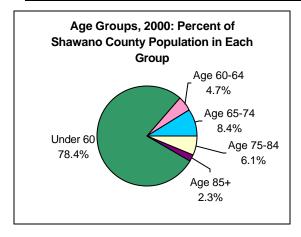
Shawano County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Shawano County is higher than that of the state as a whole (16.8% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much slower in this county than in the state as a whole (2.6% versus 7.9%). In all, 6,847 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 915 of these are age 85 or older. Shawano County's average (or median) age is 38.5 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Shawano County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	40,664		37,157		3,507	9.4%
Persons 60 and over	8,768	21.6%	8,625	23.2%	143	1.7%
Persons 65 and over	6,847	16.8%	6,672	18.0%	175	2.6%
Persons 85 and over	915	2.3%	751	2.0%	164	21.8%



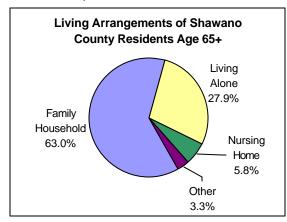
Race:

A large majority (96.8%) of Shawano County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Shawano County African Americans have a median age of 15.8 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 19.1 years. Whites, in contrast, average 39.6 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 15,815 households in Shawano County, 4,596 include at least one person age 65 or older (29.1% of all households). A total of 4,330 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 78.9% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (63.0%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 27.9% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.4% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 400 people age 65 and older live in Shawano County nursing homes (5.8% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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